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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claim 14 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12, 15-18, 20, and 22-23 as follows:

1. (currently amended): A computer implemented method of configuring a ~~computer~~ point of sale (POS) system terminal to executing a handheld platform operating software comprising the steps of:

reading generic configuration settings from a storage device;

storing generic configuration settings in a memory;

determining if first computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on an attached storage device, said first computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal;

if said first computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on said storage device, copying said first computer system-specific configuration settings to said memory;

determining if second computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on a network device accessed through a network;

if said second computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on the network device, copying said second computer system-specific configuration settings to said memory;

setting a boot status setting; and

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rebooting said ~~computer system~~ POS terminal to execute the handheld platform operating software according to computer system-specific configuration settings stored in said memory.

2. (currently amended): The computer implemented method ~~as claimed in~~ claim 1, wherein the ~~second computer system-specific configuration settings include at least one of brightness, volume, energy saving, color depth, peripheral device, delay period, communication port, and baud rate~~ first computer system-specific configuration settings.

3. (original): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the configuration settings identify configuration settings to be stored.

4. (currently amended): A computer implemented method of configuring a ~~computer system~~ point of sale (POS) terminal to execute a handheld platform operating software comprising the steps of:

reading generic configuration settings from a storage device;

storing generic configuration settings in a memory;

determining if first computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on an attached storage device, said first computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal;

if said first computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on said storage device, copying said first computer system-specific configuration settings to said memory;

setting a boot status setting; and

rebooting said ~~computer system~~ POS terminal to execute the handheld platform operating software according to computer system-specific configuration settings stored in said memory.

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5. (currently amended): A computer implemented method of configuring a ~~computer system~~POS terminal to execute a handheld platform operating software comprising the steps of:

reading generic configuration settings from an attached storage device;
storing generic configuration settings in a memory;
determining if second computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on a network device accessed through a network, said second computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal;

if said second computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on a network device, copying said second computer system-specific configuration settings to said memory;
setting a boot status setting; and
rebooting said computer system to execute the handheld platform operating software according to computer system-specific configuration settings stored in said memory.

6. (currently amended): A computer implemented method of configuring a ~~computer system~~point of sale (POS) terminal comprising the steps of:

loading generic configuration settings;
loading computer system-specific configuration settings, said computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal; and
rebooting the ~~computer system~~POS terminal.

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7. (currently amended): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the computer system-specific configuration settings are read from a storage device or a network device accessed over a network.

8. (currently amended): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 6 wherein computer system-specific configuration settings are read from a storage device and comprising the further step of:

loading computer system-specific configuration settings from a network device accessed over a network.

9. (currently amended): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 8 comprising the further step of:

using computer system-specific configuration settings from the network device.

10. (currently amended): The computer implemented method ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 6, wherein the configuration settings further include at least one of ~~brightness, volume, energy-saving,~~ color depth, peripheral device, delay period, communication port, and baud rate settings for the POS terminal.

11. (original): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the configuration settings identify configuration settings to be stored.

12. (currently amended): A system for configuring a ~~computer system~~ point of sale (POS) terminal comprising:

a processor for receiving and transmitting data; ~~and~~

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a memory coupled to the processor, said memory having stored therein sequences of instructions which, when executed by said processor, cause said processor to load generic configuration settings, load computer system-specific configuration settings, and reboot the computer system, wherein said computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal; and

a communication interface coupled to said processor, said communication interface coupled to a computer system having stored therein computer system-specific configuration settings; and

wherein said memory further includes sequences of instructions which, when executed by said processor, cause said processor to read computer system-specific configuration settings from said computer system via said communication interface.

13. (original): The system as claimed in claim 12 further comprising:

a storage device coupled to said processor, said storage device having stored therein computer system-specific configuration settings; and

wherein said memory further includes sequences of instructions which, when executed by said processor, cause said processor to read computer system-specific configuration settings from said storage device.

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended): The ~~computer implemented method system~~ as claimed in claim 12, wherein the configuration settings further include at least one of ~~brightness, volume,~~

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~~energy saving~~, color depth, peripheral device, delay period, communication port, and baud rate settings for the POS terminal.

16. (currently amended): The ~~computer implemented method system~~ as claimed in of claim 12, wherein the configuration settings identify configuration settings to be stored.

17. (currently amended): A computer-implemented method of storing configuration settings of a ~~computer system~~ point of sale (POS) terminal executing a handheld platform operating software comprising the steps of:

determining if a storage device is connected to the ~~computer system~~ POS terminal executing a handheld platform operating software;

if the storage device is connected to the computer system, storing computer system-specific configuration settings to the storage device, said computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal;

determining if the computer system is connected to a network connection having a ~~second~~ computer system; and

if the network connection having a ~~second~~ computer system is connected to the ~~computer system~~ POS terminal, storing computer system-specific configuration settings to the ~~second~~ computer system.

18. (currently amended): A computer implemented method of storing configuration settings of a ~~computer system~~ point of sale (POS) terminal comprising the steps of:

receiving a specified event at the ~~computer system~~ POS terminal;

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determining if a storage device is connect to the ~~computer system~~ POS terminal; and
if the storage device is connected to the ~~computer system~~ POS terminal, storing computer system-specific configuration settings to the storage device, said computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal.

19. (original): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 18 wherein the specified event includes at least one of expiration of a delay period and computer system shutdown.

20. (currently amended): A computer implemented method of storing configuration settings of a ~~computer system~~ point of sale (POS) terminal comprising the steps of:

receiving a specified event at the computer system;

determining if the ~~computer system~~ POS terminal is connected to a network connection having a ~~second~~ computer system; and

if the ~~computer system~~ POS terminal is connected to the network connection having a ~~second~~ computer system, storing computer system-specific configuration settings to the ~~second~~ computer system, said computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal.

21. (original): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 20 wherein the specified event includes at least one of expiration of a delay period and computer system shutdown.

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22. (currently amended): A system for storing configuration settings of a ~~computer-system~~ point of sale (POS) terminal comprising:
a processor for receiving and transmitting data; and
a memory coupled to the processor, said memory having stored therein computer system-specific configuration settings and sequences of instructions which, when executed by said processor, cause said processor to receive a specified event, determine if the ~~computer-system-POS terminal~~ POS terminal is connected to a storage device, and if the ~~computer-system-POS terminal~~ POS terminal is connected to a storage device, store the computer system-specific configuration settings to the storage device, wherein said computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal.

23. (currently amended): The system as claimed in claim 22 wherein said memory further comprises sequences of instructions which, when executed by said processor, cause said processor to determine if the ~~computer-system-POS terminal~~ POS terminal is connected to a network connection having a ~~second-computer system~~ and if the ~~computer-system-POS terminal~~ POS terminal is connected to the network connection having a ~~second-computer system~~, store the computer system-specific configuration settings to the ~~second-computer system~~.